

Georgia HERO Scholarship Program Application (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring)

Program information and instructions are on Page 2 of this application.



WARNING: Any person who intentionally makes or furnishes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form, or on any form or writing hereafter furnished for use in connection with this application, and any person who accepts or uses the same knowing it to be false, for the purpose of enabling the student to establish eligibility for, or to wrongfully receive, state student aid funds, may be subject to fine or imprisonment, or both, under provisions of Georgia law.

PART A. STUDENT: COMPLETE THIS PART (ITEMS 1-24)

1. Academic Year for which aid is requested		2. Last Name (Please Print)		First Name	Middle Initial					
3. Social Security Number		4. Permanent Mailing Address (Number, Street, Apt., P.O. Box, RFD, etc.)								
5. Date of Birth (Mo./Day/Yr.)		City	State		Zip Code					
6. Age	7. Sex A. ____ Male B. ____ Female		8. U.S. Citizenship Status A. ____ U.S. Citizen B. ____ Permanent Resident Alien C. ____ Other							
9. Selective Service Status (Enter Code from Key 9 in the Instructions on Page 2)			10. How long have you lived in Georgia immediately preceding the first school term for which you are requesting aid? ____ Years ____ Months							
ANSWER ITEMS 11-17 if you will NOT be 24 years old by the beginning of the first term checked in Item 24 below. If you will be 24 or older, skip to Item 18 and do not complete Items 11-17.										
						11. Name of Supporting Parent or Guardian (Please Print: Last, First, and Middle Initial)				
						12. Current Address (Number, Street, Apt., P.O. Box, RFD, etc.) of Person Named in Item 11				
						City	State	Zip Code	13. Are both your parents deceased? A. ____ Yes B. ____ No	
						14. How long has the person named in Item 11 lived in Georgia immediately preceding the first school term for which you are requesting aid? ____ Years ____ Months		15. Is the person named in Item 11 on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces? A. ____ Yes (Complete Items 16-17) B. ____ No (Go to Item 18)		
16. Is Georgia the home state of record for your military parent or guardian? A. ____ Yes B. ____ No		17. Does your military parent or guardian pay Georgia State Income Tax ? A. ____ Yes B. ____ No								
18. Did or will you receive a high school diploma or GED in Georgia? A. ____ Yes B. ____ No		19. Are you on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces? A. ____ Yes (Complete Items 20-21) B. ____ No (Go to Item 22)		20. Is Georgia currently shown as your home state of record? A. ____ Yes B. ____ No						
22. Category of Student (Enter Code A, B, or C from Key 22 in the Instructions on Page 2)		23. Enter the date the Georgia National Guard member or U.S. Military Reservist was deployed to an overseas combat zone. ____ Day ____ Month ____ Year		24. Check each school term for which aid is requested. ____ Summer ____ Fall ____ Winter ____ Spring						

STUDENT CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND AGREEMENT

I certify that the information reported above, and on any other document or writing in connection with this application for student financial assistance is or will be true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize use of the information on this form by the Georgia Student Finance Commission as described in the Instructions. I authorize release and exchange of information between the Georgia Student Finance Commission and educational institutions, state and federal agencies, and private lending institutions from which student financial assistance is sought or obtained by me, and agree that such information exchanged may include financial, enrollment, academic status, legal residency and location information necessary to assure proper administration of student aid programs by state, federal and institutional administrators.

Student Signature

Area Code and Telephone Number

Date Signed

STUDENT: MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

NOTICE: All applicable documentation listed under "Required Documentation" in the Instructions on Page 2 **must be attached** to this application.

PART B. FINANCIAL AID OFFICER: COMPLETE THIS PART

Please check the application for completeness and return it to the student if it is incomplete. Otherwise, complete the items below and forward the application to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) as soon as possible. Keep a photocopy for your files.

TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE (Tuition, fees, meals, room, books, supplies, personal expenses, and transportation for school terms indicated in Part A, Item 24): \$ _____

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL AID for the term(s) designated in Part A, Item 24 (Include loans and employment programs):

Name of program _____ \$ _____
Name of program _____ \$ _____
Name of program _____ \$ _____
TOTAL FINANCIAL AID \$ _____

GSFC USE ONLY	
X	_____
F	_____
W	_____
S	_____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information reported above, as well as the following, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief that the student: (1) is enrolled or accepted for admission as an undergraduate student; (2) is or will be a legal resident of Georgia for a minimum of 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of registration; (3) is a U.S. citizen or eligible permanent resident alien; (4) is in a matriculated status in a program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate; (5) is maintaining satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the Title IV standards and practices of the institution; (6) does not owe a refund from a GSFC or Federal Title IV grant or scholarship; (7) is not in default on any GSFC or Federal Title IV student loan; (8) meets Selective Service requirements; and (9) is in compliance with the Drug Free Postsecondary Education Act.

School Name

Federal School Code Number

Authorized Signature

Date Signed

Georgia HERO Scholarship Program

Information and Application Instructions

Program Information

The Georgia HERO (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring) Scholarship program was created to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones or the children of such members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reserves. The Georgia HERO Scholarship Program is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).

General Student Eligibility Requirements

The following requirements apply to all categories of HERO Scholarship recipients:

1. Must be enrolled or accepted for admission in an eligible Georgia college or university.
2. Must meet Georgia residency requirements, as defined by GSFC.
3. Must meet U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien requirements, as defined by GSFC.
4. Must be in a matriculated status in an organized undergraduate program of study leading to a college degree, technical diploma, or technical certificate.
5. Must not be obligated to pay a refund on a GSFC or Federal Title IV grant or scholarship.
6. Must not be in default on a GSFC or Federal Title IV student educational loan.
7. Must meet Federal Selective Service registration requirements.
8. Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress in accordance with the Federal Title IV standards and practices of the institution.
9. Must be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990.

Selective Service Status – Key 9

1. I have registered with the Selective Service.
2. I have not registered with the Selective Service because I am female.
3. I have not registered with the Selective Service because I am in the Armed Services on active duty.
4. I have not registered with the Selective Service because I have not reached my 18th birthday.
5. I have not registered with the Selective Service because I was born before 1960.
6. I have not registered with the Selective Service because I am a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Marshall Islands, or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific.
7. I have not registered with the Selective Service for a reason not listed above.

Specific Eligibility Requirements for Categories of Students – Key 22

In addition to the General Student Eligibility Requirements, a HERO Scholarship recipient must meet all of the specific requirements for **one** of the three following categories of students.

Category A

The eligible student must be a member of the Georgia National Guard or be a U.S. Military Reservist who completed at least one qualifying term of service. A qualifying term of service is defined as deployment overseas, on or after **May 3, 2005**, for active service to a location outside of the United States and its territories designed by the U.S. Department of Defense as a combat zone, for a consecutive period of at least 181 days.

For each qualifying term of service completed, the student earns HERO Scholarship funds of up to \$2,000 for one award year. The maximum benefit is for four award years for a total of \$8,000.

Category B

The eligible student must be the biological child, adoptive child, or legal ward of a member of the Georgia National Guard or the U.S. Military Reserves who completed at least one qualifying term of service. The student must have been age 25 or younger during the qualifying term of service. A qualifying term of service is defined as deployment overseas, on or after **May 3, 2005**, for active service to a location outside of the United States and its territories designed by the U.S. Department of Defense as a combat zone, for a consecutive period of at least 181 days.

For each qualifying term of service completed, the student earns HERO Scholarship funds of up to \$2,000 for one award year. The maximum benefit is for four award years for a total of \$8,000.

Category C

The eligible student must be the biological child, adoptive child, or legal ward of a member of the Georgia National Guard or the U.S. Military Reserves who was killed or received 100 percent disability as a result of injuries received in an eligible combat zone. The student must have been age 25 or younger during the qualifying term of service. A qualifying term of service is defined as deployment overseas, on or after **May 3, 2005**, for active service to a location outside of the United States and its territories designed by the U.S. Department of Defense as a combat zone. There are no minimum days of service required for Category C.

Students who meet the requirements for Category C are eligible to receive HERO Scholarship funds of up to \$2,000 per award year, for a total of four award years and a maximum of \$8,000.

Required Documentation

1. Copy of DD214 military record or other acceptable military documentation for the Georgia National Guard member or the U.S. Military Reservist.
2. Copy of the student's birth certificate, adoption document, or legal guardianship document. (Categories B and C only.)
3. Copy of death certificate. (Category C only, if applicable.)
4. Copy of military record of injury. (Category C only, if applicable.)

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